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or socket 4. The diameter of respective studs 3 or sockets 4 is substantially 2x.

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claims 1, 3, 4, 6-13, 15-20, 22, 23, 25-28, 32, 34 and 36, as follows:

1. (rewritten) A toy building block including:

A12 (a) a first pair of respectively transversely extending face panels provided with male gender connection formation means facilitating connection with respective adjacently arranged blocks, the male gender connection formation means for each face panel comprising at least two substantially identical studs; and

(b) a second pair of respectively transversely extending face panels provided with female gender connection formation means facilitating connection with respective adjacently arranged blocks, the female gender connection formation means for each face panel comprising at least two substantially identical sockets, wherein the sockets are shaped and dimensioned to be interference-fit engageable with respective studs on adjacently connecting corresponding blocks, the studs and sockets on the face panels of the block being so spaced and configured to permit connection with opposite gender face panels in a plurality of connection configurations, including a face panel aligned configuration and a face panel overlap configuration.

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3. (rewritten) A toy building block according to claim 2, wherein the distance between the extremities of an adjacent two of said at least two substantially identical studs is substantially 2x, and the distance between the extremities of an adjacent two of said at least two substantially identical sockets is substantially 2x.

4. (rewritten) A toy building block according to claim 1, wherein the outer perimeter of the face panels is substantially square such that the overall configuration of the block is cuboid.

6. (rewritten) A toy building block according to claim 1, including face panels moulded of different coloured plastics.

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7. (rewritten) A toy building block according to claim 1, wherein non-opposed face panels are of substantially the same face area.

8. (rewritten) A toy building block according to claim 1, wherein opposed face panels are of substantially the same face area.

9. (rewritten) A toy building block according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the faces of the block is without connection formation means.

10. (rewritten) A toy building block according to claim 1, wherein a pair of opposed face panels are without connection formation means.

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11. (rewritten) A toy building block according to claim 9, wherein one or more face panels without connection means are arranged to carry an indicia, design, character or other graphic representation.

12. (rewritten) A toy building block according to claim 1, wherein opposed faces of the block are provided with connection formations of opposed gender.

13. (rewritten) A toy building block according to claim 1, wherein the connection formation means for a respective face comprises an array of formations arranged to mate with a complementary array provided on an adjacently connecting block.

15. (rewritten) A toy building block according to any 1, wherein one of the depth dimension and the height dimension of the formations is less than one of a width dimension and a diameter dimension of the respective formation.

16. (rewritten) A toy building block according to claim 1, wherein the toy building block is substantially hollow.

17. (rewritten) A toy building block according to claim 1, wherein the face panels are of moulded plastics material, the connection formation means being integrally moulded with the respective faces.

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18. (rewritten) A toy building block according to claim 1, wherein the block comprises a moulded plastics building block comprising a moulded shell element including wall panels moulded to be configured rigidly extending transversely to one another in fixed relationship with a defined angle therebetween, and closure means to close a hollow interior of the block, the closure means including one or more wall panel elements to be connected to the shell element.

19. (rewritten) A toy building construction kit comprising a plurality of building blocks according to claim 1.

20. (rewritten) A method of manufacturing a toy building block, the method comprising:

i) providing a moulded plastics shell element including wall panels moulded to be configured rigidly extending transversely to one another in fixed relationship with a defined angle therebetween; and

ii) assembling a separate wall panel element with the walled shell element to close an interior of the block.

22. (rewritten) A method according to claim 21, wherein:

the moulded shell element is formed having at least one of:

i) male connection formation means on a first face panel and female connection means on a second face panel, and

ii) connection formation means on opposed face panels.

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23. (rewritten) A method according to claim 20, wherein the shell element and the separate end wall panels are provided with complementary engageable securing formations permitting the end face panel to be securely effectively permanently fixed across the shell element.

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25. (rewritten) A method according to claim 23, wherein the complementary engaging securing formations are provided at the periphery of the face panel element and the opening of the shell element.

26. (rewritten) A method according to claim 23, wherein the complementary engaging securing formations comprise at least one of

i) pins arranged to be received in complementary dimensioned bores in a push fit engagement, and

ii) tongue and groove like mating elements extending along one or more edges of the face panel element and shell element.

27. (rewritten) A method according to claim 20, wherein the shell element comprises a substantially tubular element having opposed open ends, each of which is closed by a respective separate end wall panel element.

28. (rewritten) An assemblage comprising a plurality of adjacently

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connected blocks according to claim 1, respective blocks including respective image elements having commonly coded image edge portions which permit image elements to be positioned in an edge adjacent relationship in a plurality of configurations in which the commonly coded image edge portions of adjacent elements are matched substantially to one another.

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32. (rewritten) An assemblage according to claim 30, wherein a respective image element comprises upper and lower edges and two side edges such that the image element is substantially rectangular or square, the image elements being provided with first and second opposed edges of a first common image coding and third and fourth edges of a second common image coding.

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34. (rewritten) An assemblage according to claim 30, wherein the coded image element edge portions are colour coded by means of coloured edge zones.

36. (rewritten) A toy building construction kit or set comprising:

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i) a plurality of a toy building blocks including face panels provided with connection formation means facilitating connection with an adjacently arranged blocks; and,

ii) a plurality of image elements for mounting on substantially planar faces of respective blocks, the image elements having commonly coded image edge portions permitting image element carrying blocks to be positioned in an edge adjacent relationship